

REGULAR MEETING of the Burrillville Town Council held Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, 105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville for and within the Town of Burrillville.

PRESENT: Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilor David J. Place was excused

1. Council President Nancy F. Binns led those present in pledging allegiance to the flag.

2. VOTED to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held April 13, 2011 and the special meeting held April 13, 2011 and dispense with the reading of said minutes.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor David J. Place was excused.

3. Public Comment: None

4. General Good and Welfare of the Town of Burrillville

Councilor Margaret L. Dudley congratulated town resident Daniel Diez, recipient of the Horacio Alger Scholarship, and requested a proclamation honoring Mr. Diez at a future meeting. Council President Nancy F. Binns echoed congratulations, describing the qualifications and achievements associated with the scholarship.

Councilor Kevin D. Heitke announced the May 18, 2011 Ten in 60 session to be held at 6:30 P.M. in the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library.

Councilor Edward J. Blanchard recognized National EMS Week scheduled for May 15th through 21st and reviewed associated activities.

Happy birthday wishes were extended to Councilor Dudley.

5. Petitions: None

6. Special Business:

11-133 VOTED to adopt a proclamation of May 2011 – Mental Health Month in the Town of Burrillville as requested by Julie A. Coelho, CMC, Town Clerk of the Town of Warren, as follows:

Burrillville Town Council Resolution

Mental Health Month 2011

“Do More for One in Four”

“Live Well! It’s Essential to Your Potential”

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to everyone’s overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, all Americans experience times of difficulty and stress in their lives; and

WHEREAS, prevention is an effective way to reduce the burden of mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, there is a strong body of research that supports specific tools that all Americans can use to better handle challenges, and protect their health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, mental health conditions are real and prevalent in our nation; and

WHEREAS, with effective treatment, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

WHEREAS, each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, organization and citizen shares the burden of mental health problems and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts.

Now therefore be it resolved that we, the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville, do hereby proclaim May 2011 as Mental Health Month in

the Town of Burrillville. The Town Council also calls upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Burrillville to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions.

ADOPTED this 11th day of May 2011

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor David J. Place was excused.

7. Public Hearings: Relative to obtaining citizens' requests and views on proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) activities.

VOTED to open the public hearing.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L.

Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor David J. Place was excused.

a. Comments from Thomas J. Kravitz, Town Planner

Thomas J. Kravitz, Town Planner and Economic Development Coordinator reviewed the Planning Board recommendation. Mr. Kravitz reviewed past CDBG awards to the Town. Mr. Kravitz described the potential projects included in the Planning Board recommendation and noted that representatives of most groups who had requested funding were present.

b. Public Input:

Chris Hannifan, Executive Director, The Housing Network described Housing Land Trust programs and distributed a resource guide.

c. VOTED to close the public hearing.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor David J. Place was excused.

d. Discussion and action relative to funding requests, setting priorities and adoption of the proposed resolution relative to the CDBG application for 2011-2012.

Note: the maximum amount the Town can apply for is \$400,000

Discussion related to: including all potential projects recommended by the Planning Board but changing the priority order; the town's ability to change the projects based upon available funds; the possibility of partial funding for a project or funding a project over several years; and the need to fully fund the Mohegan Water Association project.

VOTED that we do the order of priority ranking: #1 Mohegan Water, #2 Burrillville Housing Rehab, #3 Burrillville Housing Authority, #4 Community Housing Land Trust, #5 WellOne, #6 Tri-Town and #7 Administration.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor David J. Place was excused.

The priority list, as adopted, was:

Town Council Priority Description Amount Requested

#1 Mohegan Water Association –

Repair/Explore Community Wells \$102,000

#2 Burrillville Housing Rehabilitation

Loan & Grant Program 100,000

#3 Burrillville Housing Authority

Roof Replacement 40,000

#4 Community Housing Land Trust

**Affordable Housing Implementation Technical Assistance
Program 3,000**

#5 WellOne Health Center

Medical Examination Tables 7,300

#6 Tri-Town Community Action Agency

Additional Case Worker Staff Position 30,000

#7 Administration 10,000

VOTED to adopt the resolution, but change it so that it reflects the rating that we did, (as follows):

Burrillville Town Council

Resolution

WHEREAS, funds are available under the Rhode Island Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the Department of Administration, Division of Planning, Office of Housing and

Community Development; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Rhode Island has authorized the Director of said department to disburse such funds; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the citizens of the Town of Burrillville that application be made to undertake a local Community Development Program.

Now therefore be it resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville that the filing of this application for the amount of \$292,300 to implement the activities proposed herein hereby authorized and that Nancy F. Binns, Town Council President (Chief Executive Officer) is hereby authorized and directed to file this application with the Office of Housing and Community Development, to provide any additional information or documents required by said office, to make any assurances required in connection with this program, to execute an agreement with the State of Rhode Island and to otherwise act as the representative of the Town of Burrillville in all matters relating to this application and any award which may be based upon this application.

Passed as Resolution of the Burrillville Town Council this 11th day of May 2011

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy

F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor David J. Place was excused.

e. VOTED to adjourn the public hearing.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor David J. Place was excused.

Unfinished Business:

11-100 VOTED to receive and file the response from Dr. Frank Pallotta, Superintendent of Schools, relative to the correspondence from Councilor David J. Place requesting a discussion on agenda item 11-079 from the March 23, 2011 regular meeting: correspondence from Dr. Pallotta, regarding the School Committee's invitation.

Motion by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson.

Councilor David J. Place was excused.

8. New Business:

11-134 VOTED to table the acquisition of software/hardware for Spring Lake Beach for automating admissions tracking and point of sale functions.

Motion by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor David J. Place was excused.

11-135 VOTED to open consideration and action on a motion to award the bid for the Burrillville Sidewalk Improvement Project: Sayles Avenue and The Bridgeway.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor David J. Place was excused.

Discussion: Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, reviewed the public process utilized in adopting the sidewalk improvement project for Sayles Avenue and The Bridgeway. Mr. Wood indicated that sufficient funding was in place. Jeffrey McCormick, Director of Public Works & Engineering Services was present with plans for the project and was available for comment. The project was discussed.

VOTED to award the contract to the low bidder, American Site Corporation of Johnston, RI for \$472,138.25 (which includes the add/deduct item No. 1 for stamped colored concrete crosswalks, No. 3 for sealing and restriping adjacent parking lot, and No. 4 for powder coating the pedestrian bridge).

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley.

There was discussion of the divergent amount of the bids.

The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor David J. Place was excused.

11-136 VOTED to open the correspondence from Thomas J. Kravitz, Town Planner & Economic Development Coordinator, regarding

adoption of a proposed Town Council resolution in support of a 2011 DEM Conservation Grant Application.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor David J. Place was excused.

Discussion: There was discussion of several projects that potentially could be the subject of a 2011 DEM Conservation Grant Application. The projects were reviewed and discussed. Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, pointed out that DEM Conservation Grants require matching funds. Councilor Stephen N. Rawson pointed out that authority might remain to bond for open space from a referendum passed in (about) 1990.

VOTED to do a resolution supporting an application for the DEM Grant, citing the Swift property (Map 174, Lot 001).

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson.

Councilor David J. Place was excused.

11-137 VOTED to refer to the Screening Subcommittee the application for reappointment to the Budget Board from Judy Aubin, and the recommendation of Arthur R. Hurley, Budget Board Chair.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor David J. Place was excused.

11-138 VOTED to refer to the Screening Subcommittee the application for appointment to a board or commission from Donald Blanchard.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor David J. Place was excused.

Pending Legislation:

11-139 Consider and act on other legislation pending before the

general assembly.

There was no discussion or action on item #11-139.

9. Town Clerk/Communication:

11-140 VOTED to receive and file the copy of correspondence from Michael D. Evora, Executive Director, State of Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights to Kevin M. Blais.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor David J. Place was excused.

11-141 Consider and act on requests from the several communities for support of their resolutions.

VOTED to support the Narragansett Town Council and North Smithfield School Committee resolutions opposing House Bill 2011 – H 5961, relating to school employee arbitration; and a North Smithfield School Committee resolution opposing Senate Bill 2011 – S 0794, relating to school employee arbitration.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor David J. Place was excused.

VOTED to support the South Kingstown School Committee resolution supporting House Bill H 5297 and Senate Bill S 0071; acts that would move the notification date for teacher layoffs to June first.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor David J. Place was excused.

VOTED to support the South Kingstown School Committee resolution opposing House Bill 2011 – H 5639 and Senate Bill 2011 – S 0403, acts related to Education – Teachers’ Tenure that would amend the situations whereby a school board could lay off teachers and would provide that notices of suspension would be given on or before May 15.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor

Kevin D. Heitke. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor David J. Place was excused.

VOTED to support the South Kingstown School committee resolution requesting changes to the funding formula to make the state share more equitable.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor David J. Place was excused.

10. Additional New Business: None

11. VOTED to adjourn at 7:39 P.M.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson.

Councilor David J. Place was excused.

The meeting was recorded.

Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk